

Testimony Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Commission
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Wayne and Norma Hagaman

Planning Commission Members.

I am Wayne Hagaman and this is my wife Norma. We live in Bennet. We are the owners of a portion of the historic Herter/Hagaman/Sartore Farm on 148th Street. We own 100 acres of farmland that is adjacent to the historic buildings and 20 acres that are presently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 20 acres and buildings are owned by Joel and Kathy Sartore.

We are speaking in support of the planning staff recommendations for the comprehensive plan amendments. The East Far Route takes the most acres of farmland out of production and negatively impacts the most historic sites. We agree that the East Far Route is the least desirable route compared to the Middle and Close Routes.

Norma is the 4th generation in the Herter Family to own and operate our historic farm. We strongly disagree with the boundaries that were determined in the DEIS for our farm. We, along with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Preservation Association of Lincoln and our neighbors have hired a private historic consultant to prepare an amendment to the keeper of the historic register to increase the acreage of the farmstead. The additional 100 acres have always been associated with the farm. A copy of this nomination is included in your written comments on the DEIS.

The EF-1 route either runs directly through the western edge of these acres or directly adjacent to them. We are very upset that no one from the study team has ever contacted us regarding the beltway and our farm.

Our farm is located in a quiet area and the noise and interruption of the rural character of the area would be very destructive to our historic farm and would change things forever. We also worry about the possibility of gas stations and other development coming to our rural area around the beltway interchange on Pioneer near our farm. We understand that it is not possible to use federal dollars to destroy or impact historic properties if there are other alternatives.

We agree with the planning department recommendations and urge you to support them. Thank you for your consideration.